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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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SUBJECT: INTEGRATION OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL UNDER DEA  
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FROM CUSTOMS

SINGAPORE PASS AMB. HANDLEY

1. EMBASSY DESIRE INCREASE COORDINATION IN NARCOTICS  
PROGRAM APPRECIATED AND CUSTOMS ASSURES DESIRE CONTINUE  
AND EXPAND HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION. HOWEVER, WITH  
REGARD DISCUSSION PROPOSED STREAMLINING, FOLLOWING CUSTOMS  
COMMENTS OFFERED:

A) INTEGRATION OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL UNDER DEA AS PROPOSED  
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BY EMBASSY HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE AT OTHER POSTS. CUSTOMS

INTELLIGENCE AGENTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO DEA IN ACCORDANCE TERMS OF REORGANIZATION, BUT ADVISORY TEAMS HAVE REMAINED SEPARATE ALSO IN ACCORDANCE TERMS OF REORGANIZATION.

B) PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN INSPECTION AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REORGANIZATION WHICH SPECIFICALLY

RESERVED SEARCH AND SEIZURE OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS AT POSTS OF ENTRY AND ALONG LAND AND SEA BORDERS TO SECRETARY OF TREASURY. BY EXTENSION CUSTOMS INDEPENDENTLY CARRIES OUT TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES FOR CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS.

C) DIRECT CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS APPROACH HAS MET WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN MANY COUNTRIES, GENERATING QUICK RAPPORT WITH FOREIGN CUSTOMS SERVICES. DEVIATION FROM CONCEPT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE DEPARTURE FROM STANDARD US CUSTOMS PROCEDURE AND MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO SUPPORT OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM BY LAO CUSTOMS.

D) IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW INTERNAL REASSIGNMENT PERSONNEL WOULD LOWER US PROFILE.

2. CUSTOMS DISCUSSING EMBASSY PROPOSAL WITH DEA HERE AND WILL BE IN POSITION DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER AT SINGAPORE CONFERENCE AND DURING VISIT TO VIENTIANE AFTER CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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